

SUFFRAGETTE MALADY FOUND

LONDON DOCTOR SAYS THEY ALL HAVE TARANTISM.

He sees in their doings the recurrence of Medieval Epidemics of St. Vitus's Dance—Cold Baths a Good Cure for Old Age Pension Law Abundances.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 19.—Science has buried a terrible epidemic against the suffragettes. Dr. A. E. Shipley, the eminent zoologist at Cambridge, in a letter in to-day's Times affirms that their behavior indicates a revival of the peculiar mental disorder known in the Middle Ages as tarantism.

Dr. Shipley has made a careful study of various diseases, chiefly confined to the female sex, which spread throughout Europe, such as St. Vitus's dance, which is named after a Sicilian youth who suffered martyrdom under Diocletian in the year 303, and tarantism, which was widespread from the fourteenth to the sixteenth century. He makes his cruel scientific analogy in these terms:

"From an account of the meeting at Albert Hall on December 5 under the presidency of Lady McLaren I am inclined to think that we are witnessing a revival of those recondite mental disorders which afflicted so many Western countries 500 years ago. In more severe cases there were howlings, screaming and jumpings and the patients affected, although they had not complete control over their understandings, yet were sufficiently composed to obey the directions they had received."

"The persistent, monotonous and rhythmical utterance of a word or of a short sentence and the abandonment of self-control were equally characteristic of the disorder. Paracelsus, who dealt learnedly on the treatment, recommended that the patient should be deprived of her liberty, placed in solitary confinement and made to sit in uncomfortable places. He attempted to allay the excitement of the nerves by immersion in cold water."

"It is not without significance, with reference to the organ rectorial which apparently took place in the interval between the attempts of Mr. Lloyd-George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to speak, that the patients are violently affected by music, and their paroxysms are brought on and increased by it. It is characteristic of these manias that they attack women more readily than men, although some men are capable of being affected at any rate."

"The marked preference that the patients of tarantism show for certain colors or combination of colors is another feature which leads me to connect the present disorder with the frenzies of the Middle Ages. Tarantism was at its greatest height in the seventeenth century, long after the St. Vitus's dance of northern Europe had disappeared. The present trouble may be the third marked outbreak in comparatively modern times."

"In conclusion it may be worth mentioning that it used to make a good deal of difference to a patient under which name his disease was classed. Those who suffered from the disorder dedicated to St. Vitus received every consideration, whereas the victims of tarantism were by no means so well treated."

Dr. Shipley writes in no spirit of levity, but there is a horrible fear among the militant suffragettes to-day lest his disquisition may saddle them with the awful sobriquet of "Tarantules." Tomorrow they will claim public attention once more by holding a mock funeral in Trafalgar Square over the woman's parliamentary suffrage bill, which automatically ceases to exist as a pending measure with to-day's adjournment of Parliament. The bill, converted into a doll, will be drawn in a sham hearse in a procession to the square, where speeches will be made over it. There it will be cremated at the rooms of the Freedom League.

The suffragette campaign, if it has accomplished nothing else, has secured a complete revision of the rules for the admission of strangers to the House of Commons. A special committee has submitted a long report which will probably be adopted at the next session. The principal change provides for the admission of women with male escorts to the Strangers' Gallery on the application of members. Theoretically, no woman has ever been admitted to the House of Commons, hence the maintenance of the grille in front of the Ladies' Gallery. The law also proposes making any disturbance of the proceedings a police court offence.

CULLINAN DIAMOND PAY.

The highest authority is claimed for a statement in the Liverpool Post that no funds are forthcoming to pay for the cutting of the Cullinan diamond which was presented to King Edward some time ago. The Treasury officials declare that they have no power to give a grant for this purpose; the King declines to pay the expense out of his private purse, and the cutter at present sees little prospect of getting his money. Meanwhile, for \$75,000, a diamond cut from the Cullinan can be obtained by any one who cares to pay for it.

WHISTLER MEMORIAL.

The Whistler Memorial committee has called upon England to subscribe an additional \$5,000 toward the cost of a second replica of the Chelsea memorial, which is now in Rodin's studio and which will be a tribute to France from England. In the course of a message on the subject, Rodin said: "The work of Whistler is one of the first manifestations of American art."

STUDENTS ENTERTAINED.

The American circle of the Lyceum Club entertained at luncheon yesterday nine American Rhodes scholars and also Miss Howard of Columbia, the first woman who is studying in England under the auspices of the Society of American Women in London. The scholarship was founded by Mrs. Thayer on the lines of the Rhodes scholarships for young men.

PENSION.

Already, before the first pension has been drawn, there is widespread and growing dissatisfaction with the working of the old age pension law. In the first place it is strikingly hard at private and corporate charity. Two good examples of this are the notification which the Southern Railway sent to its pensioners that it would no longer pay those entitled to pensions under the act, and the Duke of Westminster's similar notice to the numerous pensioners of his estates advising them to apply at once for State allowances, as the pensions to them over 70 would now cease. Further actions similar to these may be expected, with a corresponding increase in the number of State pensioners, which already far exceeds the original estimate of 600,000. It is understood that additional applica-

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The most serious complaints are directed against glaring anomalies under the act which can only be relieved by fresh legislation. There are innumerable cases of persons receiving pensions by dexterous manipulation of their finances, although they are not really entitled to the benefits of the act, while very worthy applicants are debarred because of some trifling disqualification. If an applicant has a capital sum invested or on deposit he is entitled to a pension provided the return on the investment does not exceed \$157.50. No account is taken of the income to be obtained by judicious investment or an assessment on an annuity basis. Thus the owners of sums varying from \$3,000 to \$7,500 on deposit will draw pensions, while a man so poor that the Poor Law Guardians once had to pay 50 cents for cleaning his room is barred. An aged woman who once received two pounds of tea from the poor relief is also barred. These are actual cases, and similar ones both of the owners of considerable sums who have been pensioned and the utterly destitute who have been debarred might be quoted without end.

Hoboken Man Found in Gowanus Canal. The body of Thomas Loftus, 26 years old, who disappeared from his home at 325 Willow street, Hoboken, three weeks ago, was found yesterday floating in the Gowanus Canal. The body is supposed to have drifted to Brooklyn from the New Jersey shore.

The Weather.

Snow flurries occurred yesterday in the Lake regions because of a low pressure central north of Lake Superior, and there were showers in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States. Elsewhere the weather was generally fair.

The high pressure covering all of the West sent its accompanying colder weather into the Gulf States and the western edge of the Atlantic States. It was cooler also along the middle Atlantic coast.

In the upper Lake regions, the Missouri Valley, the Rocky Mountain States and the Northwest it was warmer, although zero and below continued in Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. The lowest reported was 12 degrees below at Lander, Wyo. In the south Atlantic States it was a little warmer.

In this city the day was fair and cooler; wind, light northwesterly; average humidity, 69 per cent; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 3 A. M., 30.06; 2 P. M., 30.08.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

For eastern New York, generally fair to-day and to-morrow, except probably snow flurries in extreme northern portion; somewhat colder to-night; fresh southwest to west winds.

For New England, generally fair to-day and to-morrow, except light snow flurries to-day in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; slightly colder to-night; fresh southwest to west winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; slightly colder to-night; fresh southwest to west winds.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; moderate temperature; fresh southwest to west winds.

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TWO PRIESTS UNEARTH PREHISTORIC HUMAN SKELETON.

Lowest Type of Man Probably Walked on All Fours—Vagaries of French Justice Shown in Steinheil Case—U. S. Flag as Sign of Religious Liberty.

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PARIS, Dec. 19.—It seems almost a paradox that two priests should have discovered the latest confirmation of Darwin's theory that man was not created as the Bible tells but is an evolution from an animal. The skull, part of the pelvis and limbs as well as several vertebrae and ribs of a prehistoric man were found by them in a cavern in the Department of Corrèze lying in a shallow trench three yards from the entry, the soil at the same level being without fossil remains, while the soil above contained the remains of the rhinoceros, reindeer, hyena and wolf.

The fragmentary skeleton discovered by the priests was lying on its side, with the legs folded toward the body. It appears to have been buried and beside it was the hind foot of some large bovide, which seems to have been placed there as if for food for the dead. The age of the man at the time of death was probably over 50. The thigh bones were curved in, and it is believed that this member of the human species moved on all fours.

One thing that bridges over the centuries that have passed since the owner of these bones lived is that they show their owner suffered from rheumatism. The remains are certainly those of a man, but they are of the lowest type of fossilized man yet discovered. If the anthropoid apes are placed at one end of the scale and man at the other, between them comes the pithecanthropus, which is near the former, while the newly found specimen is nearer man without losing touch with the pithecanthropus.

The French method of inquiring into crime may be excellent, but it leaves the public at the mercy of ingenious journalists. Magistrate André has examined Mme. Steinheil, who is suspected of complicity in the murder of her husband and who is also mixed up in the sudden death of President Faure, alone during seven long interrogations and he is now confronting her with other witnesses. Nobody is present at these hearings except the magistrate and his clerk and the woman's lawyers, and, owing to strict orders received from the Minister of Justice, none of these says a word about what has occurred.

But as the mystery engrosses the public even more than a serial story which has hitherto been the chief attraction in a French newspaper, the reporters most each evening and decide on what lines the day's examinations are most likely to have followed. In this way they fill their two or three columns of what with is supposed to be a verbatim report.

In the meantime a discussion is going on as to whether Mme. Steinheil ought to be hypnotized in order that the truth might be dragged from her. Dr. Voisin thinks that results might be obtained, but he believes the method would be illegal. He says: "You have no right thus to scrutinize another's conscience. On the contrary your duty is to leave to the accused the greatest liberty of action for self-defense."

Dr. Babinsky, one of Prof. Charcot's favorite pupils, says that hypnosis in this case would be useless. To use it in a judicial matter it would be necessary to have some signs to distinguish between genuine hypnotic sleep and the simulated article. Signs characterizing the hypnotic state can easily be reproduced by suggestion.

The police have added Esperanto to the languages they are studying. Officers whose duties take them abroad in following criminals are particularly interested in this study.

The Isthmian Canal Commission having finished its work, Mr. Leroy Park, the American agent of the War Department, who has been looking into the matter, here, sailed to-day on the steamer Touraine from Cherbourg. He carries many documents to Washington.

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Senator Delahaye said the American flag was only raised as a symbol of liberty against the Government's prosecutions. This statement aroused much opposition. Senator Delahaye explained later that the people of St. Pierre were not making demonstrations against France, but had raised the American flag as a symbol of ideal religious liberty.

Several Senators blamed the Government for sending a cruiser to the scene as unnecessary. Eventually the Senate voted an extra \$4,000 for St. Pierre.

DARK OUTLOOK IN THE EAST.

No Assurance That Austria Will Make Any Real Concession to Turkey.

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LONDON, Dec. 19.—Another week has passed without any real progress toward the international conference which many consider offers the only solution of the crisis which has threatened the peace of Europe for nearly three months. Russia's reply to Austria's demand for a preliminary agreement by correspondence was an extremely rigid assent, for it was recognized at St. Petersburg, as everywhere else, that it meant an indefinite postponement of a settlement.

The auspicious opening of the Turkish Parliament has been the most encouraging event of the week, but the Government of Turkey is still without any assurance that Austria is sincerely desirous of reaching an agreement on any basis which the Porte could accept. The Austrian authorities, in a word, are adopting the attitude of concession only under pressure. The aged Emperor's influence in favor of conciliation under such circumstances is not worth much.

It would be vain to attempt to prophesy what will be the next turn of events, but a complete change in spirit must take place at Vienna before a friendly settlement becomes possible.

DR. HILL'S HOUSEWARMING.

American Colony in Berlin Will Soon Be Invited to the New U. S. Embassy.

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BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Dr. Hill, the American Ambassador, and his wife should be established in their new home about January 1. A few days afterward they will issue a general invitation to the American colony for a housewarming reception, and the 2,000-odd Americans here will probably attend, although the Ambassador's new house will hardly accommodate more than 500.

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